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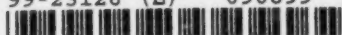
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LETTER DATED 9 AUGUST 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ERITREA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward the attached press release issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Eritrea on 8 August 1999 (see annex) expressing Eritrea's full and official acceptance of the Technical Arrangements proposed by the Organization of African Unity for the implementation of the Framework Agreement and the Modalities which both parties have accepted.

I should be grateful if you would kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Haile MENKERIOS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex

Press release issued on 8 August 1999 by the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Eritrea

Eritrea Accepts OAU Proposal on Technical Arrangements

Eritrea has officially accepted the Organization of African Unity (OAU) proposal on Technical Arrangements submitted to both parties at the end of this week. It has also "pledged its full cooperation with the OAU and the United Nations in implementing the three agreements - the Framework Agreement, the Modalities and the Technical Arrangements - as the sole basis for resolving the dispute".

President Isaias Afwerki informed the OAU delegation led by Algeria's special envoy, Ahmed Ouyahya, of Eritrea's acceptance in a meeting here yesterday evening. The Eritrean president has also sent Eritrea's official and written acceptance to the Algerian President and current Chairman of OAU, H.E. Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

The Technical Arrangements were worked out by technical experts from Algeria, OAU, the United Nations and the United States of America. The envisaged next steps are a formal signature of all three documents, a cessation of hostilities, redeployment, the instatement of civilian administrations and demarcation within specific time-frames.

The OAU delegation left Asmara today for Addis Abeba.
